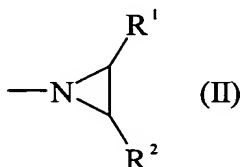


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound, ~~[[and]]~~ 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane and a polar unreactive solvent.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound ~~comprises~~ has at least two structural units of the formula (II)



wherein R¹ and R², independently of one another, are each a hydrogen atom, anunfunctionalized alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl radical, or a functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl radical.

Claims 3-13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the content of the 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane is from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based in each case on the composition.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the content of the solvent is from 1 to 50% by weight, based in each case on the composition.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the content of the 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane is from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based in each case on the composition, and wherein the content of the solvent is from 1 to 50% by weight, based in each case on the composition.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound is selected from the group consisting of Michael adducts of substituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, Michael adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, adducts of substituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, and adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, or a combination thereof.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polyfunctional aziridine compound is selected from the group consisting of the Michael adducts of substituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, Michael adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, the adducts of substituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, and the adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, or a combination thereof.

Claims 19-32 (Cancelled).

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-2, and 14-17 are active in the present application. Claims 3-13 and 18-32 are cancelled claims. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the transitional phrase "consisting of". The use of the transitional phrase "consisting of" signals a closed claim (see, e.g., MPEP § 2111.03). Support for the amendment to the claims is found in the examples, e.g. Example A1 which contains only the components recited in present Claim 1; namely, a polyfunctional aziridine compound, 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane, and a polar unreactive solvent (e.g., N-methylpyrrolidone).

No new matter is added.